

In the Specification

At page 1, lines 4-12, please amend the paragraph as follows:

This application is related to, and fully incorporates by reference, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/176,994, entitled "Video Communication/Monitoring Apparatus And Method Therefor," filed October 22, 1998 and now U.S. Patent No. 6,226,031 (~~Docket No. 8X8S.244PA~~), U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/977,568, entitled "Communication Interface Between Remote Transmission of Both Compressed Video and Other Data and Data Exchange with Local Peripherals" "~~Video Conferencing Extension Unit for Peripheral Interfaces~~," filed November 25, 1997 and now U.S. Patent No. 6,119,178 (~~Docket No. 1161.52-US-01~~), U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/212,953 filed June 21, 2000, now concurrently filed herewith as U.S. Nonprovisional Patent Application Serial No. 09/885,869 ~~09/~~, _____, entitled "Personal Alert Surveillance" now abandoned (~~Docket No. 8X8S.225PA~~), and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/975,768, entitled "Computer Architecture for Video Data Processing and Method Thereof," filed November 21, 1997 (~~Docket No. 8X8S.82US01~~) and now U.S. Patent No. 6,104,836.

At page 3, lines 3-10, please amend the paragraph as follows:

As with most other systems, reduced cost is realized through cost-effective mass production. The initial costs to effect such a mass production, however, can be exorbitant. Moreover, widespread acceptance and usage of such technology cannot be forced, even when appropriately addressing the marketing needs and overcoming the exorbitant costs of the mass production equipment. Consequently, efforts to launch the appropriate technology for practicable acceptance and usage of security systems have ~~has~~ been difficult. Therefore, there is a need for a low-cost, user-friendly security system that is easy to implement.

At pages 7-8, lines 14-22 and 1-5 respectively, please amend the paragraph as follows:

Several example programmable surveillance system components, communications systems, and monitoring arrangements adaptable for use in connection with example embodiments of the present invention are shown in FIG. 2. For example, with slight programming modifications, the programmable surveillance system 100 can be implemented using any or a combination of various products (units and/or software packages) available from ~~Netergy Networks, Inc. (formerly 8x8, Inc.)~~ 8x8, Inc. of Santa Clara, CA. Such models include the VC50, VC105, VC110, VC150, VC160, and RSM-1500. For informational brochures for models VC110, VC160, and RSM-1500, reference may be made to appendices A, B, and C in U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/212,953 filed June 21, 2000, now concurrently filed herewith as U.S. Nonprovisional Patent Application Serial No. 09/885,869 09/____, ____, entitled "Personal Alert Surveillance" now abandoned (~~Docket No. 8X8S.225PA~~), which is incorporated herein by reference. Models included in the referenced appendix are shown as part of arrangements 250, 260, 270, 282, 283, and 284.

At page 8, lines 6-14, please amend the paragraph as follows:

These above products include a video processor architecture based on a multiple processor chip having uniquely arranged RISC and DSP type processors. While this type of chip is not required for implementation of the above-characterized embodiments, those familiar with current marketplace trends in video processing will appreciate the benefits these arrangements provide. For additional information concerning such video processing arrangements, reference may be made to the characterization of these architectures, as well as other security-related features, in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/176,994, entitled "Video Communication / Monitoring Apparatus And Method Therefor," filed October 22, 1998 and now U.S. Patent No. 6,226,031 (~~Docket No. 8X8S.211PA~~).